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SUBJECT: MTAT REPORT

1. DEPARTMENT AND DEFENSE NOW REVIEWING FRENCH TRANSLATION OF ROCKWELL REPORT. COPY OF ENGLISH VERSION BEING POUCHED AND SHOULD BE IN YOUR HANDS APRIL 23. PRESUME YOU BELIEVE PRESENTATION OF REPORT SHOULD BE MADE TO MOBUTU BY YOU AND GENERAL ROCKWELL AFTER YOUR RETURN FROM CONSULTATION.

2. TO PUT REPORT IN CONTEXT, WE PROPOSE THAT IT BE DELIVERED UNDER COVER FOLLOWING AIDE MEMOIRE (TEXT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CLEARED BY STATE AND DOD): QTE THE ENCLOSED REPORT OF THE

US MILITARY TECHNICAL ADVISORY TEAM LED BY BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES M. ROCKWELL DESCRIBES A FORCE DESIGNED TO MEET THE THREAT POSITED BY THE FAZ IN ITS BRIEFING OF THE TEAM. CONSISTENT WITH ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, THE TEAM MADE NO EFFORT TO ARRIVE AT AN INDEPENDENT THREAT ASSESSMENT OR TO VALIDATE THAT POSITED BY THE FAZ. TO DO SO WOULD HAVE REQUIRED A MUCH LONGER TIME IN ZAIRE THAN THE TEAM HAD AND A MUCH MORE PROFOUND UNDERSTANDING OF ZAIRE'S GEOPOLITICAL POSITION THAN IT COULD LAY CLAIM TO. BECAUSE THE TEAM HAD INCOMPLETE INFORMATION ABOUT CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF ZAIRE'S EXISTING DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT, PORTIONS OF THE REPORT ARE BASED ON ESTIMATES. SINCE THE FAZ DID NOT ASCRIBE PRIORITIES TO THE VARIOUS TARGETS IT IDENTIFIED, THE FORCE DESCRIBED IN THE TEAM'S REPORT IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR ALL STATED TARGETS WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THEIR RELATIVE IMPORTANCE.

THE THREAT POSITED BY THE FAZ IS ESSENTIALLY GENERAL AND POTENTIAL RATHER THAN SPECIFIC AND IMMEDIATE. HAPPILY, GIVEN THE ALMOST TOTAL ABSENCE OF ARMED AGGRESSION AMONG BLACK AFRICAN STATES SINCE THEIR INDEPENDENCE, IT ALSO SEEMS REMOTE. THE FORCE DESCRIBED IN THE TEAM'S REPORT IS EXPENSIVE: IT WOULD COST A MINIMUM OF 114 MILLION DOLLARS SPREAD OVER EIGHT YEARS. IT IS OF COURSE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE TO DETERMINE WHAT PART OF ITS AVAILABLE RESOURCES IT WISHES TO DEVOTE TO ACQUISITION OF SUCH A FORCE GIVEN THE CHARACTER OF THE THREAT IT IS DESIGNED TO MEET.

WITH THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY ITS WORLDWIDE REQUIREMENTS AND THE CONSTRAINTS OF ITS SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, FOR ITS PART, HOPES TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE IN ITS EFFORTS TO MEET ZAIRE'S LEGITIMATE SECURITY NEEDS. IN RECOGNITION OF THOSE NEEDS AND OF THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS EXISTED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN SO MANY AREAS--ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL, CULTURAL--THE ADMINISTRATION IS SEEKING TO INCREASE THE FMS CREDIT PROGRAM LEVEL FOR ZAIRE TO 9.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN FISCAL YEAR 1976 FROM THE PRESENT 3.5 MILLION DOLLARS. SUCCESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN THIS ENDEAVOR WILL OF COURSE DEPEND UPON THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY CONGRESS. THESE CREDITS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE FOR PROCUREMENT OF MUTUALLY-AGREED ELEMENTS OF THE FORCE DESCRIBED IN THE ENCLOSED REPORT OF THE MILITARY TECHNICAL ADVISORY TEAM OR FOR OTHER EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS C-130S, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE MAY WISH TO PURCHASE FROM THE UNITED STATES.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PLEASED TO DISCUSS  
ANY QUESTIONS THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE MAY HAVE ABOUT  
THE TEAM'S REPORT. UNQTE

3. YOUR COMMENTS WELCOMED. KISSINGER

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